

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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(Dw) to a number average diameter (Dn) of 1.80 to 2.40, and said carbon black has a specific tinting strength (Tint) and a nitrogen absorption specific surface area (N₂SA) satisfying an inequality: $Tint \geq 0.100 \times \text{nitrogen absorption specific surface area (N}_2\text{SA)} + 93$, and

wherein a ratio ($\Delta D_{50}/D_{st}$) of a half-width (ΔD_{50}) to a mode (D_{st}) of the aggregate of said carbon black is in a range of 1.05 to 2.50.
